

HOUSING AND HEALTH PROBLEM WASHINGTON ATTEMPTS TO HANDLE

Model Homes Planned for National Capital—Experience Foreign Cities Proves Sanitary Homes Reduce Sick Rate.

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Washington, April 22.—Plans have just been completed for the erection of a series of model homes in the city of Washington for the purpose of demonstrating to the nation the relationship between good housing and good health. These are to be known as the Ellen Wilson homes, and are not in the nature of an experiment, but are intended as a demonstration to the entire United States.

The intimate connection between bad housing and bad health and good housing and good health is clearly recognized in Washington, where the alley dwellings have long been a matter of concern both to the health authorities and to public spirited citizens who wish the capitol city to be an example to the nation. The alley have been paved, sewers and water mains have been laid in them, they are lighted and cleaned as are the streets. Yet they keep their old lead over the streets when it comes to totalling the figures for disease and death.

In this, Washington's experience has been like that of Liverpool and other European cities which tried unsuccessfully to make badly situated dwellings wholesome by cleaning and fumigating. After thirty-three years of unavailing effort to improve that which was fundamentally bad, Liverpool finally decided that the only hope lay in wiping out its insanitary areas. It demolished the old houses by the acre and in place of them built new houses. Where dwellings have been crowded so close together that there was scarcely passage room for a stout man to squeeze his way to one of the old rear houses, it built new dwellings opening upon wide spaces, which provided light and air. Immediately sickness and death decreased, and with them vice and crime. What had seemed a hopeless struggle for more than a generation was won.

Other cities in Europe have done the same and with the same results, but what makes Liverpool's figures of unusual value is that the new houses are occupied by the same people who occupied the old ones. In some cases the population on a given area in the new dwellings is 99 per cent the same as that which lived on the area in the old buildings. So here the effect of housing is not complicated by questions of different occupants, of better food, or clothing or a generally higher standard of living. The housing only has been changed and the results are striking.

Washington is attempting much the same work, though in a less dramatic manner. Congress has enacted a law which goes into effect on July 1, 1918, according to which all the alley dwellings in the District of Columbia must cease to be used for dwelling purposes. Meanwhile, in order that there may be accommodation for those who will be forced to seek new homes in street houses, there has been organized a limited dividend company which is to build houses that will be not only sanitary, that will provide not only abundance of light and air, but houses attractive architecturally, home-like in their arrangements and containing bath rooms and provisions for hot water in place of the old outdoor closets and hydrants.

Such houses as these cannot, of course, yield the return upon the investment that the old houses did. In fact congress in its act incorporating the Ellen Wilson Homes, limited its dividends to five per cent net. But they will yield to their stockholders a dividend in the form of satisfaction because a needed work well done. To their tenants they will give relief from preventable sickness and death and an increase in the joy of living.

"UKULELE" PUTS GUITAR AND THE OLD-FASHIONED BANJO OUT OF BUSINESS

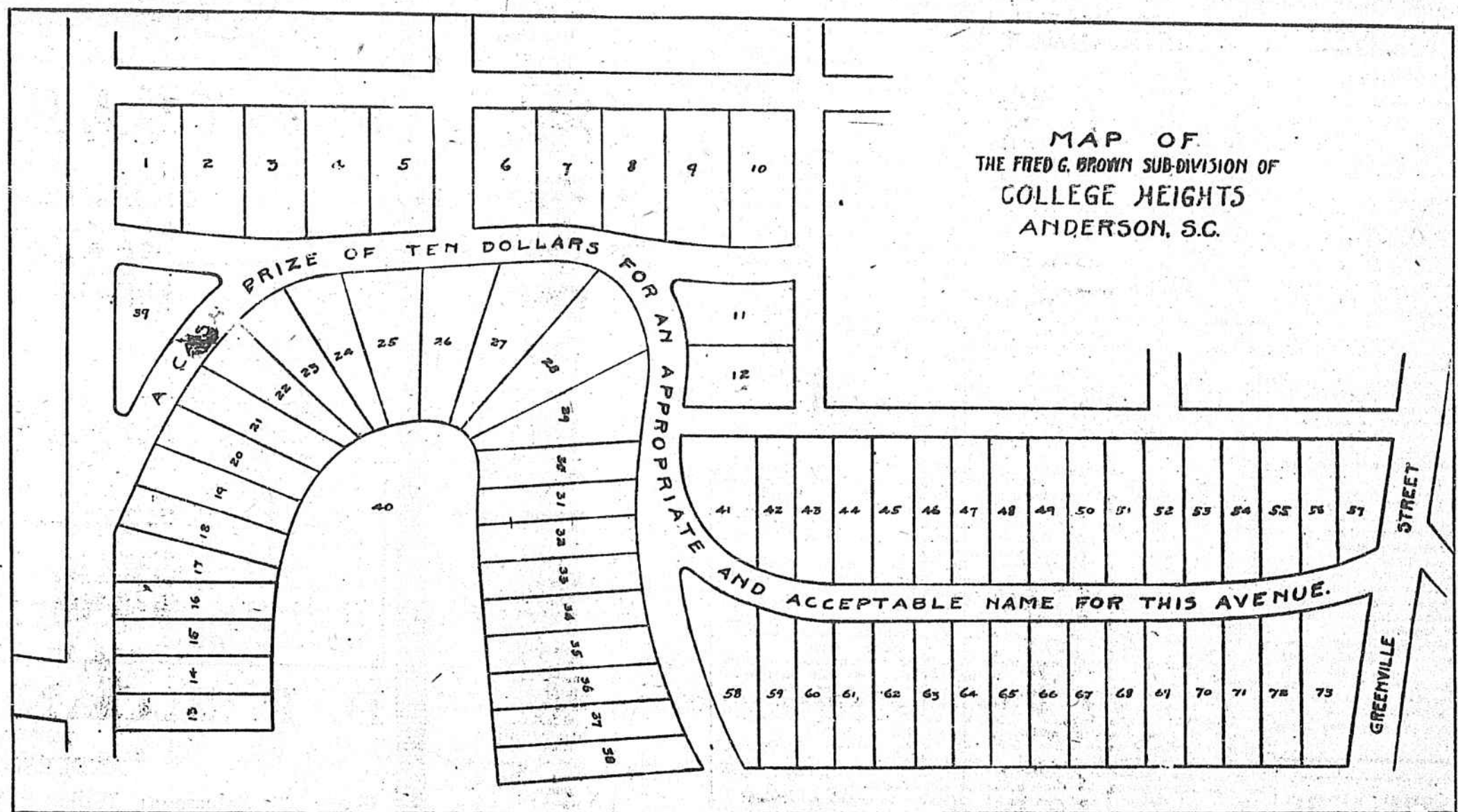
Atlanta, April 22.—The ukulele, the famous Hawaiian guitar, has put the old fashioned banjo and the regular American guitar completely out of business in Atlanta. Music houses display stacks and chords of the cunning little instruments in their windows, with books of instruction telling how to play them. Glee clubs of boys and girls colleges have installed the ukulele almost exclusively in place of the banjo and guitar, and a local ad men's club in Atlanta featured its "Ukulele Club" as one of the star acts of its recent minstrel show.

Committee Held Meeting

A meeting of the committee of ladies which has charge of the entertainment for the Clemson cadets, met yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the chamber of commerce for the purpose of entering more into detail of the work to be done in connection with the open air entertainment on Tuesday evening. A number of them will meet at the grounds at 9:30 Tuesday morning to begin to get everything in shape.

It may be stated authoritatively that if the American troops are to be withdrawn immediately Villa will have to stay dead several days at least.

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